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SUBJECT: POSSIBILITY SYG TRIP TO MIDDLE EAST

1. IN COURSE CONVERSATION JUNE 22 ON SEVERAL SUBJECTS ISRAELI AMBASSADOR DINITZ INFORMED DEPUTY SECRETARY RUSH THAT TEKOA HAD BEEN APPROACHED SECRETLY BY SYG WHO RAISED POSSIBILITY SYG TRIP TO MIDDLE EAST, INCLUDING ISRAEL, NEAR END JULY. ISRAELI THINKING WAS TO RESPOND POSITIVELY, DINITZ SAID, PROVIDED SYG CAME AS SYG, NOT AS REPRESENTING SOME NEW UN MANDATE OR SC RESOLUTION. ISRAEL HAD NOT YET COMMUNICATED ITS RESPONSE TO SYG AND DINITZ HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO SOUND OUT USG. GOI WOULD NOT UNDERTAKE TO DO ANYTHING UNLESS USG AGREED IT WOULD ADVANCE CAUSE PEACE. ONLY IF USG HAD NO OBJECTION TO SYG TRIP WOULD GOI AGREE TO IT. DINITZ EMPHASIZED THAT GOI HAD NOT DISCUSSED SYG APPROACH WITH ANYONE IN NEW YORK AND THAT IT SHOULD BE CLOSELY HELD.

2. DEPSEC SAID HE WOULD WANT TO CONSIDER THIS AND WOULD BE SECRET

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3. WE NOTE TEKOAHA MADE SIMILAR APPROACH TO SCALI (USUN 2369) AND ARE PUZZLED BY REPORT IN TEL AVIV 4987 THAT, ACCORDING EBAN, GOI HAS ALREADY REPLIED TO SYG. IN ANY EVENT, BELIEVE WE OWE DINITZ AND TEKOAHA A REPLY. ACCORDINGLY, WE WILL BE SPEAKING TO DINITZ ALONG FOLLOWING LINES

AND REQUEST AMB. SCALI TO DO SAME WITH TEKOAHA:

(A) WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO MIDDLE EAST VISIT BY WALDHEIM IF THIS CAN BE WORKED OUT ON BASIS MUTUALLY AGREEABLE TO HIM AND TO PARTIES.

(B) WE CONSIDER IT DESIRABLE TO MAINTAIN MAXIMUM FLEXIBILITY AT THIS STAGE, BOTH TO INFLUENCE OUTCOME OF SC DEBATE IN CONSTRUCTIVE DIRECTION AND TO MAKE BEST OF WHATEVER THAT OUTCOME MAY BE. WE THEREFORE SUGGEST GOI LIMIT ITS REPLY TO WALDHEIM TO SAYING THAT (1) GOI ATTITUDE TOWARD WALDHEIM VISIT IS POSITIVE AND IT IS AGREEABLE IN PRINCIPLE BUT (2) GOI PREFERENCES AWAIT END OF DEBATE BEFORE GIVING DEFINITIVE ANSWER IN LIGHT OF SITUATION AT THAT TIME INCLUDING RESULT OF SC DEBATE, SINCE THIS COULD HAVE EITHER BENEFICIAL OR INHIBITING EFFECT ON SYG' S EFFORTS.

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